

# SENATE . . . . . No. 350

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Brian A. Joyce**  
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to polling place safety.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brian A. Joyce

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO POLLING PLACE SAFETY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 24 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
2   after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

3   The aldermen in cities, except where city or town charters provide otherwise, and the selectmen of towns  
4   divided into voting precincts, shall not designate any school building or school premises as a polling place  
5   for any voting precinct, unless they have made every reasonable effort to find or provide for a suitable  
6   alternative venue. Any school building or school premises that is designated as a polling place shall be  
7   open for polling and voting purposes only and no session of school shall be held in said building or  
8   premises on the day of any special or general election. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph,  
9   school staff development days may be held on the day of any special or general election at the discretion  
10   of the local school superintendent and/or school committee.